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In the Final Office Action it is asserted that Dean teaches a computer that receives from a client workstation an input object that includes one or more methods, citing as support Fig. 3, col. 2, lines 29-36, and col. 4, lines 1 and 2. Dean, it is asserted, discloses that a client workstation 10, shown in Fig. 1, running a JAVA enabled browser sends to a gateway workstation 14 a "client-side request object." It is further asserted that this client-side object includes methods, such as: `Myflight.encodefixedformat` and `Myflight.writemessage` disclosed in Dean.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Dean does not disclose or suggest that the gateway workstation 14 receives the client-side request object from the client workstation as asserted in the Office Action. Rather, Dean discloses only that the client-side request object executes on the client workstation 10 to generate a message that is sent to the gateway 14. Dean does not disclose that the client-side object itself is sent to the gateway, but rather that the message is sent to the gateway. See col. 4, lines 1-28. The message received by gateway 14 includes only data and does not include any method or function. As described at col. 2, lines 45-51, the messages the client sends to the gateway include only (a) data indicating requests of a given type; and (b) request data. It is respectfully submitted that Dean neither teaches nor suggests that the messages between the client and the gateway contain any function or method.

Dean further discloses that the gateway, upon receiving the message from the client, ascertains the type of request it has received and then instantiates a gateway-side object based on that information. See col. 4, lines 30-40. Contrary to the assertion in the Office Action the items labeled "`Myflight.encodefixedformat`" and "`Myflight.writemessage`" are not methods, but rather, only contain data as indicated at col. 2, lines 45-51 and col. 4, lines 17-26. It is

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respectfully submitted that Dean's disclosure of these data items neither teaches nor suggests that the client-side request object is transmitted to, and hence, received by the gateway.

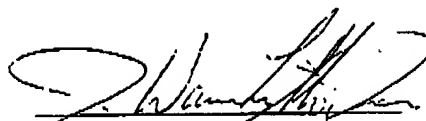
For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Dean neither teaches nor suggests receiving an input object, wherein the received input object contains input data and one input function executable on a computer as required by the independent claims. Nor do the other references relied on to reject the claims teach or suggest that feature. Hence, even if the references were combined as asserted in the Office Action, the combination would not include all the limitations of the claims and therefore, would not render the claims unpatentable.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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